(c) and (d) Government's policy is to hold dialogue, pursue socio-economic development programmes, have right kind of laws and modernize and strengthen the police/security forces, to tackle the activities of the militants with the help of forces to protect properties, limbs and lives of innocent persons in society.

Census on caste basis

†2121. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the census held recently in the country, no information was sought about the caste;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that after 1952, no census has been conducted in the country based on caste;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to conduct census regarding Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and OBCs;

(d) if so, by when such census will be conducted; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes Sir, information on individual caste, tribe or race has not been collected in the censuses held after the independence except for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for meeting the Constitutional requirements.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Questions do not arise.

Fake passports

†2122. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of fake passport business in the country on a large scale;

(b) if so, the number of persons arrested in this regard and action taken against them;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.